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A JOINT RESOLUTION

- proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of personal net income taxes.
- 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- SECTION 1. Article VIII, Section 1, of the Texas

 Constitution is amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 1. (a) Taxation shall be equal and uniform.
 - (b) All real property and tangible personal property in this State, unless exempt as required or permitted by this constitution, whether owned by natural persons or corporations, other than municipal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value, which shall be ascertained as may be provided by law.
 - (c) The Legislature may provide for the taxation of intangible property and may also impose occupation taxes, both upon natural persons and upon corporations, other than municipal, doing any business in this State. It may also tax incomes of [beth natural-persons-and] corporations other than municipal, except that persons engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits shall never be required to pay an occupation tax.
 - (d) The Legislature by general law shall exempt from ad valorem taxation household goods not held or used for the production of income and personal effects not held or used for the production of income. The Legislature by general law may exempt from ad valorem taxation:
- 24 (1) all or part of the personal property homestead of

- a family or single adult, "personal property homestead" meaning
- 2 that personal property exempt by law from forced sale for debt; and
- 3 (2) subject to Subsection (e) of this section, all
- 4 other tangible personal property, except structures which are
- 5 personal property and are used or occupied as residential dwellings
- and except property held or used for the production of income.
- 7 (e) The governing body of a political subdivision may
- 8 provide for the taxation of all property exempt under a law adopted
- 9 under <u>Subsection (d)(2)</u> [Subdivision-(2)-of-Subsection-(d)] of this
- section and not exempt from ad valorem taxation by any other law.
- 11 (f) [7-frem-ad-valerem-taxation:] The occupation tax levied
- 12 by any county, city or town for any year on persons or corporations
- 13 pursuing any profession or business, shall not exceed one half of
- 14 the tax levied by the State for the same period on such profession
- or business.
- 16 SECTION 2. Article VIII of the Texas Constitution is amended
- 17 by adding Section 24 to read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 24. No tax may be imposed on the net incomes of
- 19 individuals.
- 20 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 6,
- 22 1990. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or
- 23 against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit
- 24 personal income taxes."



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

of	personal net income taxes.	11. Ordanad Carrier II.
(DEC 1 4 1988 1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.	11. Ordered Engrossed at
		12. Engrossed.
	JAN 2 4 1989 2. Read first time and referred to Committee on	13. Returned to Chief Clerk at
	3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at	14. Sent to the Senate.
	4. Printed and distributed at	Chief Clerk of the House 15. Received from the House
ie u	5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at	16. Read, referred to Committee on
•	6. Read second time (amended) and (finally) passed to Third Reading by a Record Vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting.	17. Reported favorably 18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.
•	7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting).	19. Ordered not printed.
•	8. Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a Record Vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting.	20. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.) (yeas, nays.)
-	9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of resolution.	21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of
- :	10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R was finally adopted prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of yeas, nays, and present, not voting).	22. Read second time passed to third reading by: (a viva voce vote.) (yeas, nays.)

	23. Caption ordered amended to confo	rm to body of bill.
	24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of yeas, nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.	
	25. Read third time and passed by	(a viva voce vote.) (yeas, nays.)
OTHER ACTION:	OTHER ACTION:	
		Secretary of the Senate
	26. Returned to the House.	
	_ 27. Received from the Senate (with a	nmendments.) ubstituted.)
	_ 28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Vote) (Record Vote of not voting).	Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record (Substitute) present,
	29. Conference Committee Ordered.	
	30. Conference Committee Report Vote of yeas,	Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record nays, and present, not voting).
	31. Ordered Enrolled at	

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